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Disney on Ice: Princess Wishes

A touring ice show, Disney on Ice presents Princess Wishes, is scheduled for a number of California cities served by Amtrak® Pacific Surfliner® and San Joaquin trains. Tinker Bell represents the magic of Disney as she whisks the audience through a collection of enchanting and beloved Disney stories. See how dreams and wishes really can come true through the experiences of Cinderella, Jasmine, Snow White and others.

The show appears in Southern California at the Staples Center, Los Angeles, December 19-23; Honda Center, Anaheim, December 25-30; Los Angeles Sports Arena, January 3-6; and Long Beach Arena, January 9-13. Disney on Ice then moves north for performances at the Selland Arena, Fresno, February 6-10; Arco Arena, Sacramento, February 13-18; HP Pavilion, San Jose, February 27-March 2; and Oracle Arena, Oakland, March 5-9.

Pacific Surfliner passengers who take the train to Southern California shows may receive a \$5 discount off \$16, \$20 and \$25 tickets by presenting their Amtrak ticket at the Arena Box Offices, visit www.ticketmaster.com/train, or by calling Ticketmaster at 213/480-3232, 805/583-8700 or 714/740-2000. The discount does not apply to \$40 VIP or \$65 Front Row tickets. The discount is not available for San Joaquin train riders to shows in Fresno, Sacramento, San Jose or Oakland. Check Pacific Surfliner and San Joaquin schedules for convenient trains to and from the show or visit www.Amtrak.com.



Poster for Disney on Ice: Princess Wishes.

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Poster for the Broadway Musical, WICKED.

Pacific Surfliner Takes You to the Land of OZ.

Why rely on a cyclone to take you to Oz the way Dorothy did? Today's travelers to Oz can start their journey easily aboard Amtrak Pacific Surfliner to Los Angeles. WICKED, the musical about the untold story of the witches of Oz, is currently playing at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood. Pacific Surfliner passengers can reach the historic theatre by riding the train to Los Angeles Union Station, then taking Metro Red Line subway from Union Station to the Hollywood and Vine stop. The Pantages Theatre is directly across the street from the Hollywood and Vine subway stop.

Check www.Amtrak.com for Pacific Surfliner schedules to and from Los Angeles Union Station. For information on WICKED and performance schedules, see www.wickedthemusical.com. So get your tickets and get onboard. Leave the car, the house and the cyclone behind, and have a great trip to the Land of Oz. Ruby slippers are optional.

Anaheim Resort Transit Serves Amtrak Station

Anaheim Resort Transit (ART) now provides service between the Anaheim Amtrak Station and The Disneyland® Resort and Anaheim Resort™ hotels. All southbound and northbound Pacific Surfliner trains are met by the shuttle service. The new service is in response to visitor and resort hotel requests. Anaheim Resort Transit carries three million passengers annually between 52 local hotels and the Disneyland® Resort entertainment complex with 32 buses and trolleys.

The Anaheim Amtrak Station is located at 2150 East Katella Avenue, adjacent to the Angel Stadium parking lot. "It is one of the busiest Amtrak stations in the nation," said Brian Hart, Amtrak's Director of Field Marketing-West. "Amtrak is delighted to have such a convenient service for our passengers at the station's front door."

A ticket-vending kiosk is available at the station to purchase Anaheim Resort Transit passes. Cost is \$3 for adults and children 10 and under ride free. (Children will be charged \$1 beginning January 8, 2008.) A schedule of the shuttle is posted on the ART website www.rideart.org.

RAIL SAFETY EVENT TURNS SPOTLIGHT ON DANGEROUS DRIVER BEHAVIOR

Recently, officers from the Oakland Police Department, Union Pacific and Amtrak Police Departments staged an Officer on the Train event in the Jack London Square area near the Oakland Amtrak Station. The event involved an area from Market Street to 5th Avenue, along Embarcadero Street. This area has numerous at-grade crossings and active tracks within or immediately adjacent to city streets. The tracks are used daily by Amtrak trains and freight trains.

For a three-hour period a special train with police officials and others onboard moved along the tracks through the Jack London Square area. An officer in the cab of the locomotive uses a radio to alert officers located at or near various grade crossings of violations as they occur. Violators are quickly contacted and appropriate citations are issued. During a three-hour period, police officers issued citations to drivers of 28 vehicles and issued warnings to three additional drivers.

Officer on the Train events are an important part of the Operation Lifesaver rail safety awareness program conducted throughout the state each year. The message remains simple: Stay off the tracks and stay alive. As Officer on the Train clearly demonstrates, dangerous behavior around the tracks is also illegal behavior. Not only do you endanger your life, you can be held liable for costly fines.

Yosemite, Now Dressed For Fall

Yosemite National Park is one of the most beautiful places on earth, but during the fall season, the park seems to outdo itself as it offers brilliant foliage colors, cold mountain streams, and groves of giant sequoias amid sheer rock cliffs and serene valleys.

Yosemite is easily accessible by comfortable Amtrak California San Joaquin trains and a connecting motorcoach in Merced. Three daily motorcoaches meet southbound trains from Sacramento and the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Area, and northbound trains from Southern California, Bakersfield and Fresno. The motorcoach takes passengers through the Gold Country to Yosemite Valley.

Once there, you can take a sightseeing tour of the Valley in a tram to see up close El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall, Half Dome and fields of wild flowers. Have lunch at the spectacular Ahwahnee Hotel. And be sure to take the Yosemite shuttle bus to major trailheads, the Visitor Center, Indian Cultural Exhibit, Ansel Adams Gallery, Glacier Point for a spectacular view of the Valley and high country, and Tuolumne Meadows surrounded by mountain peaks.

For schedule and fare information and to make a reservation on the San Joaquins® and connecting motorcoach, see your travel agent or call Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL or visit Amtrak.com. For overnight accommodations in Yosemite National Park, visit www.YosemitePark.com or call VIA Adventures Inc. at 800-369-PARK, or Key Holidays at 800-783-0783.



Yosemite in the Fall. Photo by Olaf Carmel. Olaf Carmel's work is available at the Yosemite Ahwahnee Gift Shop.

GREENING OF THE FLEET: ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE AWARD

Efforts by Amtrak and Caltrans to reduce waste and implement an onboard recycling program were honored by StopWaste.Org at its annual StopWaste Partnership Recognition event in Oakland. Each year a handful of StopWaste clients that have shown great initiative in enhancing their environmental performance are selected for recognition. This past year Amtrak and Caltrans placed specially marked recycling receptacles onboard San Joaquin and Capitol Corridor equipment. The special recycling bins are at the top of most stairwells and in the lower level of the California Cars. Passengers are encouraged to deposit newspapers and other recyclable materials in the special bins rather than just tossing everything in a single trash receptacle.



Amtrak Ticket Machine Debuts in State Building



State Transportation Dir. Will Kempton kicks off Caltrans In Transit at the inaugural event of new Amtrak Quik Trak Kiosk.

As part of a major transit connectivity effort by California Department of Transportation called Caltrans In Transit, Amtrak agreed to install the first of its ticket vending machines outside of an Amtrak station in the Headquarters Building of California Department of Transportation. The blue Amtrak Quik Trak kiosk has prominent location in the "O" Street Lobby of the Caltrans Building in Sacramento. Employees who travel regularly on the San Joaquins and Capitol Corridor are encouraged to book their train reservations through the department's internal travel service, ResX, and then print out their tickets from the kiosk in the building lobby using their reservation number.

Caltrans In Transit is a joint project of Division of Mass Transportation and Division of Rail that enables Caltrans Headquarters employees to find the best alternative transportation choice when traveling to and from Caltrans District offices.

The young and the young-at-heart enjoyed the antics of the famous Ringling Brothers/Barnum & Bailey Circus Clowns as part of a celebration for the big circus show at Staples Center. Disadvantaged youngsters from the LA region and their chaperones traveled on the Pacific Surfliner, Metro and Metrolink to the downtown station and rode the Red Line to the show for a complementary day of fun and excitement at the Circus.



California Military Discount



Now through May 22, 2008 Amtrak California is offering a special discount for men and women of the military, their spouses and dependents on the Pacific Surfliner and San Joaquins. Eligible active-duty military personnel with a valid United States Armed Forces ID will receive a 20% discount off most Amtrak rail fares. This is an enhancement of the standard military discount of 10% and the two cannot be combined. Standard blackout dates apply; go to Amtrak.com or 1-800-USA-RAIL for fares and schedules.



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